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Help CAL FIRE Fill The Boot!

Camino - In 2008 a partnership was formed between CAL FIRE and the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA)/Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS). Last year statewide CAL FIRE employees raised \$440,672 and over the past five years CAL FIRE has raised over \$1.8 million. This places CAL FIRE at #2 in the nation in our efforts to raise monies for Muscular Dystrophy and Lou Gehrig's disease (ALS).

The Amador-El Dorado-Sacramento Unit of CAL FIRE will be holding their Amador County "Fill the Boot" fundraising event Saturday October 12th, 2013 from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm at HWY 49 and Jackson Gate Road in Martell and at Main Street and Badger Road in Sutter Creek. "Amador County residents have been overwhelmingly generous in filling the boot in the past and we expect that they will give what they can" says Amador-El Dorado-Sacramento Unit Chief Kelly Keenan who adds "we all understand times are tough and everyone has had to carefully review their finances, but I am confident that residents will be able to dig a little deeper and give what they can to help wipe out these devastating diseases."

MDA does not receive any funding from the state, federal or local governments, nor does it seek or receive fees for service. In California alone, MDA sponsors fifteen neuromuscular disease clinics where those with nerve and muscle disease can receive a wide range of services at no cost. Throughout California, MDA is also funding over 43 separate research projects seeking a cause, a treatment and a cure for over 40 neuromuscular diseases. MDA provides funds to be used for the repair and maintenance of wheel chairs, leg braces and communication devices as well as MDA Summer Camps.